

ACTION: Notice of approved amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Fifth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation which was executed on February 17, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective May 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Pierskalla, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

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DATES: This action is effective May 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Pierskalla, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Section 14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e), will be issued to Doyon, Limited for approximately 120 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Birch Creek, Alaska, within T. 19 N., R. 7 E. and T. 17 N., R. 11 E., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until June 8, 1998, to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Prineville District; Cave Closure; Oregon

May 1, 1998.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that Stout Cave, Deschutes County, Oregon, is closed yearlong to all visitor use for a three-year period ending on May 1, 2001.

Effective immediately, Stout Cave, in Deschutes County, Oregon, is closed to *all* visitor use (caving, sport climbing, etc.) for a three-year period ending on May 1, 2001. The term "cave" applies to any naturally occurring void, cavity, recess, or system of interconnected passages which occurs beneath the surface of the earth and to any natural pit, sinkhole, or other feature which is an extension of the entrance. The term "sinkhole" applies to the area below the rim and extending to the cave's entrance. The purpose of this closure is to protect roosting western big-eared bats from human disturbance. This Special Status species is extremely sensitive to human disturbance. Also, this closure is necessary in order to determine the specific type and location of bat use in the absence of human disturbance. Current levels of human disturbance prevent further evaluation of bat use. Without this information, impacts to biota from current and proposed human uses at the cave cannot be analyzed. BLM cave management policy directs that protective measures, including cave closures, be implemented where known or potential adverse impacts to sensitive animals is present. Closure needs will be re-evaluated at the end of the three-year closure period. Exemptions to this closure will apply to administrative personnel for monitoring purposes; other exemptions to this restriction may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. Exemptions could include approved research, essential search and rescue, and other emergency actions or administrative operations for the protection of cave resources. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

A more specific location of public lands under this closure order is not provided in order to protect sensitive cave resources. Cave locations are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988.